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ABSTRACT

The present invention relates to a method of administering a compound of Formula I:

$$R^2$$
 R^3
 R^4
 N
 $O - R^1$

Formula I

wherein

 R^1 is hydrogen or C_{1-6} -alkyl;

 R^2 is C_{1-6} -alkyl or adamantyl;

 R^3 is C_{1-6} -alkyl or hydroxy; or

 R^2 and R^3 taken together are $-(CR^6R^7)_n-$;

 R^4 is C_{2-8} -alkyl, C_{2-8} -alkenyl, C_{2-8} -alkynyl, -OCH $_2R^5$ or

 C_{2-8} -alkanoyl, or hydrogen when R^3 is hydroxy;

 R^5 is C_{1-6} -alkyl, C_{2-6} -alkenyl or C_{2-6} -alkynyl;

 R^6 and R^7 are hydrogen or C_{1-6} -alkyl;

Y is oxygen or sulfur; and

n is 3, 4, or 5,

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salts of carboxylic

20 acid of formula I,

wherein said method comprises the step of admixing said compound in solid form with a topical carrier to form a topical formulation within seven days prior to first topical administration of said compound.

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